

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 241273

55

ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 SS-15 L-03 SY-05 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 DOTE-00

SP-02 SSO-00 INRE-00 ISO-00 CG-00 CCO-00 /045 R

DRAFTED BY:EUR/SOV:JATREICHEL:BG

APPROVED BY:EUR/SOV:MGARRISON

----- 048477

O P 282238Z SEP 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO COAST GUARD IMMEDIATE

FBI IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 241273

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTE PROTESTING BOMBING INCIDENT ON
SOVIET VESSEL

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOVIET NOTE DATED SEPTEMBER 16
PROTESTING BOMBING INCIDENT INVOLVING MERCHANT VESSEL,
"IVAN SHEPETKOV". ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO
PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH COMMENT WHICH WILL AID IN DRAFTING
REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO INFORM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
STATE OF THE FOLLOWING.

ON SEPTEMBER 16 OF THIS YEAR, WHILE THE SOVIET MERCHANT
SHIP "IVAN SHEPETKOV" WAS MOORED AT THE PORT OF ELIZABETH
(NEW JERSEY) AN EXPLOSION CAUSED BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS
OCCURRED ALONGSIDE THE SHIP, AS A RESULT OF WHICH THERE
WAS MATERIAL DAMAGE TO THE VESSEL.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 241273

THE EMBASSY DRAWS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT ONE HOUR BEFORE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED, OFFICIALS OF THE "IVAN SHEPETKOV" INFORMED THE PORT AUTHORITIES OF THE APPEARANCE OF A SUSPICIOUS PERSON IN THE WATER ALONGSIDE THE SHIP. HOWEVER, APPROPRIATE MEASURES WERE NOT TAKEN BY THE COAST GUARD AND THE PORT POLICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE EXPLOSION AND THE DETENTION OF THE CRIMINAL WHO WAS NEAR THE SHIP, WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO CARRY OUT THE INDICATED TERRORIST ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET VESSEL, "IVAN SHEPETKOV".

IN CONNECTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS REGISTERS A PROTEST WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DEMANDS A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THIS OFFENSE AND THE PUNISHMENT OF THE GUILTY PARTIES AND ALSO CALLS FOR THE ADOPTION OF ALL MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SOVIET VESSELS IN U.S. PORTS AND TO PREVENT THE REPETITION OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS. END TEXT. ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BOMBING, TEXT, DIPLOMATIC NOTES, DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS, IVAN SHEPETKOV
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE241273
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EUR/SOV:JATREICHEL:BG
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760367-0824
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760910/aaaaaiqb.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 MAY 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <09 SEP 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET NOTE PROTESTING BOMBING INCIDENT ON SOVIET VESSEL
TAGS: PFOR, UR, US
To: CG FBI
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006